

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, October 27, 1999  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

\*Michael Branham, Surprise, Chair  
Bruce Meyers, Arizona Department of  
Administration  
Michael Eagan, American Society of Landscape  
Architects  
Mickey Ohland, Chandler  
\*Tami Ryall, Gilbert  
Susan Bookspan for Richard Janke, Glendale  
Reed Kempton, Maricopa County

Steve Hancock, Mesa  
\*Tracy Stevens, Peoria  
Lorry Kuiper, Phoenix Planning Department  
Mark Melnychenko, Phoenix Transit  
Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA  
Jorie Bresnahan, Scottsdale  
Eric Iwersen, Tempe

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Charlie Bladine, Tempe  
Tammy Bosse, Capitol Mall Association  
Jim Coffman, The Planning Center  
Dawn M. Coomer, MAG

Bruce Landis, Sprinkle Consulting  
Scott Miller, Valley Metro  
Katherine Wisheart, Phoenix Planning  
Department

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Steve Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 13, 1999 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group

Maureen Mageau-DeCindis moved to approve the meeting minutes of the October 13, 1999 meeting.  
Lorry Kuiper seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No one in the audience wished to address the Task Force or the Stakeholders.

4. Regional Off-Street System Plan Consultant Selection

A multi-agency review team has met to review the proposals received to complete the Regional Off-Street System (ROSS) Plan. The plan will be developed under the direction of the Regional Bicycle Task

Force and Pedestrian Working Group. Three proposals were received, and all consultant teams were interviewed. The proposal review team is recommending that Robert Bein, William Frost and Associates be selected to develop the ROSS plan. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis moved to recommend to the MAG Management Committee to select the consultant firm Robert Bein, William Frost and Associates to develop the Regional Off-Street System Plan for an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Eric Iwersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan 2000

The draft MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan 2000 has been completed by The Planning Center and distributed to the Pedestrian Working Group and Pedestrian Plan Stakeholders for comment and review. Members of the Working Group and Pedestrian Plan Stakeholders are invited to discuss various aspects of the draft Plan. Jim Coffman provided an overview of the plan. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis began the discussion by noting that readers of the document needed to understand that “neighborhoods” do have pedestrian potential. The committee and stakeholders discussed how to change wording in the draft plan to convey this idea. Mark Melnychenko and Eric Iwersen mentioned the importance of encouraging pedestrian-friendly land use and urban design, and incorporating the transit-oriented development guidelines being developed by Valley Metro. MAG staff and the consultant team showed where these items were mentioned in the plan. Bruce Meyers said that readers of the plan also need to understand how to interpret the maps, and that streets that were not analyzed as part of the modeling still have pedestrian potential. Bruce Landis suggested incorporating the footnote in the text showing how to extrapolate results for streets not modeled be incorporated into the text, and the committee agreed. Steve Hancock noted that an action item needed to mention pedestrian safety to match the accompanying objectives which are included in the plan.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Pedestrian Working Group will be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 2:00 p.m. to approve the draft plan, and recommend its acceptance to the MAG Management Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.